

Overview of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

This grant program is authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) (the “Recovery Act”) and by 42 U.S.C. 3751(a).

The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are:

To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The Recovery Act places great emphasis on accountability and transparency in the use of taxpayer dollars. Among other things, it creates a new Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and a new website – Recovery.gov – to provide information to the public, including access to detailed information on grants and contracts made with Recovery Act funds.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

Notification Process

Eligible applicants are notified via U.S. Mail according to Point of Contact and address information maintained by ACJIC, and via email from the ADECA/LETS Byrne JAG Program Manager.

If you wish to be added to the email distribution list, send a request to randy.ray@adeca.alabama.gov requesting to be added to the list. Include your name, employer, duty position, and direct telephone number.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Drug and Violent Crime Task Forces meeting the multi-jurisdictional task force description, units of local government appearing on the Recovery Act JAG list as ineligible for direct funding, and State entities as determined by the Governor’s Office.

For JAG Program purposes:

- A Multijurisdictional task force is:
 - Three or more law enforcement agencies operating under a unified command at the behest of a board.
- A unit of local government is:
 - a town, township, village, parish, city, county, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state

- any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district that is established under applicable state law and has authority to, in a manner independent of other state entities, establish a budget and impose taxes
- or, it may also be a federally recognized Indian tribe organization that performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.
- State Governmental Entities
 - N/A

Additional Requirements Related to the Recovery Act:

In order to be eligible to receive funds under this solicitation, applicants must current with their UCR reporting requirements as verified by ACJIC.

American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations:

If a grant application is being submitted on behalf of a tribe or tribal organization, a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government entity authorizing the inclusion of the tribe or tribal organization named in the application must be included with the application.

How to apply

Eligible applicants may obtain an application by sending a request to Mr. Randy Ray at: randy.ray@adeca.alabama.gov . The request should include name, employer, duty position, and a direct telephone number requesting a grant application package and supporting forms and guidance.

Purpose Areas

JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

Prohibited Uses

No JAG funds may be expended outside of the JAG purpose areas. Even within the purpose areas, however, JAG funds may not be used directly or indirectly for security enhancements or equipment for nongovernmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety. Nor may JAG funds be used directly or indirectly to provide for any of the following matters unless BJA certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist, making them essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order:

- Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters).
- Luxury items.
- Real estate.

- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions).
- Any similar matters.

Non-Supplanting

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state and local funds for program activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. See the OJP Financial Guide (Part II, Chapter 3). Additional information appears on the “OJP Recovery Act Additional Requirements” web page at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm.

Additional Requirements

A DUNS number is required.

All applicants under this solicitation must include a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number in their application. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete.

A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving Federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is required.

In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at www.ccr.gov.

Determination of funding

Formula

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates, for each state and territory, a minimum base allocation which, based on the statutory JAG formula, can be enhanced by (1) the state’s share of the national population, and (2) the state’s share of the country’s Part 1 violent crime statistics. Once the state funding is calculated, 60 percent of the allocation is awarded to the state, and 40 percent to eligible units of local government.

States also have a variable percentage of the allocation that is required to be “passed through” to units of local government. This amount, also calculated by BJS, is based on each state’s crime expenditures. In addition, the formula is used to calculate direct allocations for local governments within each state, based on their share of the total violent crime reported within the state. Local governments entitled to at least \$10,000 awards may apply directly to BJA for local JAG grants. To view the list of required pass-through percentages, go to: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryvpt.pdf

Award Amount

Eligible state/territory recipients are entitled to the state allocation determined by the above formula plus any funds designated for the state's units of local government whose direct allocation would be less than \$10,000. Funds from these "less than \$10,000 jurisdictions" must be distributed by the state to state police departments that provide criminal justice services and/or to any units of local government whose allocations would be less than \$10,000.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Applicants also should anticipate that awards under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional DOJ funding.

How much and for what purpose?

ADECA Allocation	\$ 18,170,253.00	
Discretionary Allocation Managed by ADECA	\$ 541,666.00	
Total Allocation Subject to 10% Admin Expense		\$ 18,711,919.00
Administrative and Indirect Cost Original Award @ 10%	\$ 1,817,025.30	
Administrative and Indirect Cost Discretionary @ 10%	\$ 54,166.60	
Total Admin and Indirect		\$ 1,871,191.90
Require Pass Through Original Award @ 60.10%	\$ 9,828,289.85	
Require Pass Through Discretionary	\$ 487,499.40	
Total Required Pass Through		\$ 10,315,789.25
State Discretion	\$ 6,524,937.85	
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